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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER:

US 6486069 B1

TITLE:

Cobalt silicide etch process and

apparatus

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Detailed Description Text - DETX (21):

Immediately below the solid source 250 is the electrostatic wafer chuck 252

which positions the semiconductor wafer 248 relative to the reactor chamber

222. Wafer centering ring 253 centers the wafer 248 on the wafer chuck 252.

In this embodiment, the wafer chuck 252 as well as the bottom electrode 228 can

be moved vertically downward in order to insert and remove the wafer 248. As

can be seen in FIGS. 2 and 3, a backside gas delivery space 255 is depicted.

As described more fully with a description of the chuck, a gas such as helium

can be **selectively** delivered to space 255 in order to **selectively control** the

temperature of wafer 248.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (41):

Immediately below the solid source 650 is the electrostatic wafer chuck 652

which positions the semiconductor wafer 648 relative to the reactor chamber

622. Wafer centering ring 653 centers the wafer 648 on the wafer chuck 652.

In this embodiment, the wafer chuck 652 as well as the bottom electrode 628 can

be moved vertically downward in order to insert and remove the wafer 648. As

can be seen in FIGS. 6 and 7, a backside gas delivery space 655 is depicted.

As described more fully with a description of the chuck a gas such as helium

can be <u>selectively</u> delivered to space 655 in order to <u>selectively control</u> the temperature of wafer 648.

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6238588 B1

TITLE: High pressure high non-reactive

diluent gas content high

plasma ion density plasma oxide etch

process

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Detailed Description Text - DETX (34):

FIG. 17A illustrates a variation of the embodiment of FIG. 5 in which the

ceiling 52 and side wall 50 are separate semiconductor (e.g., silicon) pieces

insulated from one another having separately controlled RF bias power levels

applied to them from respective RF sources 210, 212 to enhance control over the

center etch rate and selectivity relative to the edge. As set forth in greater

detail in above-referenced U.S. application Ser. No. 08/597,577 filed Feb.

2, 1996 by Kenneth S. Collins et al., the ceiling 52 may be a semiconductor

(e.g., silicon) material doped so that it will act as an electrode capacitively

coupling the RF bias power applied to it into the chamber and simultaneously as

a window through which RF power applied to the solenoid 42 may be inductively

coupled into the chamber. The advantage of such a window-electrode is that an

RF potential may be established directly over the wafer (e.g., for controlling

ion energy) while at the same time inductively coupling RF power directly over

the wafer. This latter feature, in combination with the separately controlled

inner and outer solenoids 42, 90 and center and peripheral gas feeds 64a, 64b

greatly enhances the ability to adjust various plasma

process parameters such as ion density, ion energy, etch rate and etch selectivity at the workpiece center relative to the workpiece edge to achieve an optimum uniformity. In this combination, gas flow rates through individual gas feeds are individually and separately controlled to achieve such optimum uniformity of plasma process parameters.

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TITLE:

Reactor and method of processing a

semiconductor

substate

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Detailed Description Text - DETX (2):

Referring now to the drawings and particular to FIGS. 1 and 2, a reactor for

processing semiconductor substrates is generally indicated by the numeral 10.

In the illustrated embodiment, reactor 10 comprises a single wafer processing

reactor that is suitable for performing various fabrication processes on a

semiconductor substrate 12, such as a semiconductor wafer. Reactor 10 is

particularly suitable for thermal processing of a semiconductor wafer. Such

thermal processes include thermal annealing of a semiconductor wafer and

thermal reflow of boro-phosphorous gasses, and chemical vapor deposition of

thin film applications, such as high temperature oxide, low temperature oxide,

high temperature nitride, doped and undoped polysilicon, silicon epitaxial and

tungsten metal and tungsten silicide films, in the fabrication of a

semiconductor device. The control of these processes depends on the control of

gas flow, gas pressure, and wafer temperature. As will be described in more

detail, reactor 10 includes a heater assembly 14, which delivers heat to the

substrate 12 in a uniform manner, a gas injection assembly 34, which

selectively delivers and directs gas to a discrete region
of the substrate in a

uniform and controlled manner, and an emissivity measurement assembly 60, which permits continuous emissivity measurement of the average surface area of the device side of the substrate during processing so that the amount and/or the profile of the heat being delivered to the substrate during processing may be adjusted.

5819684

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5819684 A

TITLE:

Gas injection system for reaction

chambers in CVD

systems

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Brief Summary Text - BSTX (22):

It is yet another object of this invention to provide an improved gas

injector for a reaction chamber wherein the velocity profile of the injected

gas may be selectively controlled for optimum uniformity of deposition.

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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6331483 B1

TITLE: Method of film-forming of tungsten

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Detailed Description Text - DETX (9):

Concretely, a boron-containing gas for a tungsten seed crystal forming

process can be supplied to the shower head 28. Process gas sources for

supplying WF.sub.6 gas, Ar gas, SiH.sub.4 gas, H.sub.2 gas,
N.sub.2 gas and

B.sub.2 H, gas are connected to the shower head 28. Each of pipes connecting

the process gas sources to the shower head 28 is provided with a mass-flow

controller 34, i.e., flow controller, and two shutoff valves 36 and 38 disposed

on the opposite sides of the mass-flow controller 34, respectively. The flow

rate of each gas can be controlled and the gas can selectively be supplied or

stopped.

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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER:

US 6300256 B1

TITLE:

Method and device for producing

electrically conductive

continuity in semiconductor

components

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Detailed Description Text - DETX (16):

For the purpose of cooling the semiconductor wafer 10 inserted in the

support 3a, an inert gas, in particular helium, is used, to set the optimum

temperature field for the process of thermo-migration on the under side of the

semiconductor wafer 10. For the purpose of separate control of the temperature

on the upper surface of the semiconductor wafer 10 and on the lower surface

thereof, the area at the level of the frame 3a is preferably sub-divided in

such a way that both the gas pressure and the flow speed can be adjusted

separately in the area above the frame 3a and below the
frame 3a. The separate

temperature control that is thus possible creates the pre-condition for an

optimum course of the thermo-migration process so that electrically conductive

passages in the disc-form semiconductor are created in minimum time without

buckling due to thermal straining of the semiconductor wafer.

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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER:

US 20010054601 A1

TITLE:

LOW CEILING TEMPERATURE PROCESS FOR

A PLASMA REACTOR

WITH HEATED SOURCE OF A

POLYMER-HARDENING PRECURSOR

MATERIAL

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Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (49):

[0090] In the embodiment of FIG. 8A, the ceiling 152 and side wall 150 are

separate semiconductor (e.g., silicon) pieces insulated from one another having

separately controlled RF bias power levels applied to them from respective RF

sources 1210, 1212 to enhance control over the center etch rate and selectivity

relative to the edge. As set forth in greater detail in above-referenced U.S.

application Ser. No. 08/597,577 filed Feb. 2, 1996 by Kenneth S. Collins et

al., the ceiling 152 may be a semiconductor (e.g., silicon) material doped so

that it will act as an electrode capacitively coupling the RF bias power

applied to it into the chamber and simultaneously as a window through which RF

power applied to the solenoid 142 may be inductively coupled into the chamber.

The advantage of such a window-electrode is that an RF potential may be

established directly over the wafer (e.g., for controlling ion energy) while at

the same time inductively coupling RF power directly over the wafer. This

latter feature, in combination with the **separately** controlled inner and outer

solenoids 142, 190 and center and peripheral gas feeds 164a, 164b greatly

enhances the ability to adjust various plasma process parameters such as ion

density, ion energy, etch rate and etch selectivity at the

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workpiece center
relative to the workpiece edge to achieve an optimum
uniformity. In this
combination, pressure and/or gas volume through individual
gas feeds is
individually and separately controlled to achieve such
optimum uniformity of
plasma process parameters.

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US-PAT-NO: 5232145

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5232145 A

TITLE: Method of soldering in a

controlled-convection

surface-mount reflow furnace

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Detailed Description Text - DETX (2):

FIGS. 1 and 2 illustrate a controlled-convection furnace of the present

invention, referred to by the general reference numeral 10, having zones one

through six. Furnace 10 comprises a one-piece, welded, low-thermal mass metal

muffle 12 coated on the outside with a high emisivity material 14 to increase

responsiveness. Integral to muffle 12 are three exhaust ports 16-18 equipped

with venturi extractors 20-22. The first exhaust port 16 is located between an

entrance 24 and the start of zone one, the second exhaust port 17 is positioned

between zones two and three, and the third exhaust port 18 is arranged to

remove reflow atmosphere from each end of a reflow zone, zone five. All three

exhaust ports 16-18 are separately adjusted by individual pressure regulators

(detailed below) and are monitored from zero to 2.00 inches by a magnehelic

pressure gauges (see discussion for FIG. 3, below). Muffle 12 further

comprises three heated gas plenums 26-28, Plenum 26 is above conveyor belt 30

in zone four. Plenums 27 and 28 are above and below belt 30, respectively, in

the reflow section, zone five. Each of plenums 26-28 is equipped with its own

separately controlled in-line gas heater. The flow rate of
gas to each plenum

26-28 is controlled by a flowmeter. Inside muffle 12, in

zones one through three, there are right and left gas distribution tubes which are connected to Sample ports are preferably flowmeters (see below). provided in zones one through five within muffle 12 for analysis of the reflow atmosphere. Outside of muffle 12, and in close proximity to it, are low thermal mass, insulated panel heaters 46-53. In zones one through three, the top and bottom heaters 46-51 are controlled in tandem, while heaters 52-53 in zone five are controlled individually. At the end of muffle 12, in zone six, are top and bottom quench plenums 56 and 58, respectively. Plenums 56 and 58 are individually controlled by flowmeters. An inert gas curtain (not shown) is preferably provided at entrance 24.

Claims Text - CLTX (13):

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reflowing solder on said assembly in a reflow processing zone that follows the stabilization processing zone, said reflow processing zone having a plurality of heating elements, said reflow processing zone heating elements disposed outside said muffle and hot gas plenums above and below the line of travel of said assembly, each of said heat sources being separately controlled;

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US-PAT-NO:

5629054

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5629054 A

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TITLE: Method for continuously forming a

functional deposit

film of large area by micro-wave

plasma CVD method

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Detailed Description Text - DETX (552):

The present inventor made studies with efforts to solve the above-mentioned

problems in a conventional semiconductor deposited film forming apparatus and

accomplish the aforementioned objects of the present invention, and obtained

such a view that the microwave plasma can be excited uniformly in a

longitudinal direction of a microwave antenna within a film formation chamber,

with its plasma potential controlled, in such a manner that the side wall of

film formation chamber are constituted of continuously moving strip member,

microwave antenna means is covered with a microwave transparent member and

projected into the film formation chamber, a source gas for the film formation

is introduced into the film formation chamber, which is retained at an

appropriate pressure to cause the gas diffusion easily, the microwave is

supplied to the microwave antenna means from a microwave power source, and a

bias voltage is applied to bias applying means disposed separately from the
strip member.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (707):

The film formation chamber of FIG. 18 is evacuated via a

slit-like opening portion 110 and an evacuation port 107 by a vacuum pump, not shown. After the internal pressure of the film formation chamber reaches 1.times.10.sup.-6 the source gases for the formation of deposited film, each flow of which is separately controlled by a master controller not shown, are introduced via three gas inlet conduits 106a, 106b, 106c into the film formation chamber 104, respectively. In this state, after the internal pressure of the film formation chamber reaches a predetermined pressure, the microwave power generated by a microwave oscillator of 2.45 GHz (e.g., made by Evick & Co.), not shown, is input via the square waveguide 301, the waveguide coaxial transducer 313, the central conductor and the microwave transparent dielectric tube 103 as shown in FIG. 3 into the film formation chamber. To make effective use of the microwave power, it is preferable to make the impedance matching of the microwave as well In the apparatus of the present invention, an insertion length adjusting mechanism of the central conductor 102 and the coaxial plunger 302, as shown in FIG. 20, are incorporated as an impedance matching mechanism of the microwave. Since the former central conductor insertion length adjusting mechanism of such microwave impedance matching mechanism has a wider matching range, it is preferable to first adjust the reflected power with the insertion length adjusting mechanism so that the reflected power may be as least as possible, using a reflected power meter for monitoring the reflected power within the coaxial line or waveguide, and subsequently match the impedance by making the fine adjustment with the coaxial plunger 302. As a result, the plasma is excited within the film formation chamber 104. With the action of the plasma thus generated, a desired high quality

functional deposited film with its composition controlled is formed on the strip member 101.

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